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HUNT FOR REDS.

Chiang Kai-shek's Troops Comb Out Chapel.

SERIOUS AFFRAY.

Thirteen People Killed and Many Injured.

General Chiang Kai-shek's troops this morning combed out Chapel for Reds. During a fracas thirteen people were killed and many were injured.

DRASTIC ACTION.

Communists and Agitators Arrested.

Shanghai, April 13. A "comb out" of the Chinese city of Chapel (to the North of the International Settlement) and also of Footing (on the Southern Bank of the Whangpoo river, opposite the International Settlement) took place this morning by Chiang Kai-shek's troops, acting under his orders.

The object was to arrest Communists and Labour agitators. Friction occurred whilst arrests were being made and it is reported that in the resultant fracas, thirteen were killed and many were wounded.—British Naval Wireless.

Later.

In consequence of the action of Chiang Kai-shek's troops, the Labour Unions are threatening a general shipping strike.—British Naval Wireless.

Amoy Strikes Over.

Amoy, April 13. Considerable improvement in the situation here has taken place in the last few days owing to the

PUKOW TAKEN.

North Occupies City Without Opposition.

GENERAL OFFENSIVE DEVELOPS.

Chinkiang, April 12. With what success, it is impossible at present to determine but from reliable reports it appears that the Northern thrust on the Chinkiang and Nanking districts is still proceeding.—British Naval Wireless.

Flags Hauled Down.

Shanghai, April 13. A naval wireless message from Nanking states that the Northern troops occupied Pukow without opposition on April 12. All Nationalist flags were immediately hauled down.—Reuter.

[The Northerners at Pukow are not Sun Chuan-fang's troops who started the offensive, but General Chang Tsung-chang's Shantung men who have come south again and joined the counter offensive.]

strong action of the Chinese authorities in regard to extremists and the incidence of martial law.

The postal strike has been settled, and with it, the last of the labour disputes.—British Naval Wireless.

Foochow Quiet.

Foochow, April 13. The Moderates are in charge here and the situation at present gives no cause for apprehension.—British Naval Wireless.

Y.M.C.A.

Nationalists Confiscate Valuable Property.

Hankow, April 11. At Changsha the Kuomintang has confiscated Y.M.C.A. property valued at \$8150,000 and the Y.M.C.A. building, taking six Chinese secretaries prisoners.

Yesterday the local Kuomintang resolved to confiscate the Hankow Y.M.C.A. building, which is American property, valued at \$8100,000.

A protest is being made to the Nationalist Foreign Ministry by the U.S. Consul, but it is not certain whether it will prevent the threatened seizure.—Reuter.

HOBOW ANXIETY.

Foreign Advised To Evacuate.

The river sloop "Marazion" left today for Hobow where there are rumours of impending trouble amongst the small foreign community which is reported to have been advised to evacuate.

PEKING RAID.

Northern Government's Claims.

SOVIET INTRIGUES EXPOSED.

Peking, April 12.

The Ankuechun has issued an official statement regarding the literature seized in the raid on the Embassy, declaring it included, inter alia, detailed plans for the Soviet supplying and organising cavalry in Charhar, Mongolia and Manchuria which would be put under the command of General Feng Yu-hsiang, reports of Soviet military secret service agents in Canton, Honan, Shensi and elsewhere, military plans of the Fengtien and Kuomintang, confidential letters and reports of the Russian commander of Feng Yu-hsiang's army, letters between the military experts appointed by

ROYAL ASSENT.

New Titles of the King And Parliament.

London, April 12. The Royal Title Bill and the Parliamentary Title Bill have received Royal assent.—Reuter.

[These Bills were introduced to legalise the change of names resulting from the work of the last Imperial Conference in fixing the new status of the Empire.]

Moscow and the leaders of the Kuomintang and Kuominchun troops, communications between the military attaché at Peking and his subordinates throughout the provinces in which closer relations between Kuominchun and Soviet delegates were urged.—Reuter.

PERMISSION.

British Government's Position Explained.

London, April 12. In the House of Commons, Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Labour) asked whether the Government was aware of or had authorised the raid on the Soviet Embassy at Peking before it occurred, and whether it had given its approval after or before consulting the United States.

Mr. G. Locker Lampson, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the Government had informed beforehand the Protocol Ministers that it was prepared to authorise the entry of the metropolitan police into the Legation quarter. The Government had issued no instructions.

Replying to further questions, Mr. Locker Lampson said the proposal to picket the Soviet Consulate at Shanghai was unknown to the Government before it occurred.—Reuter.

MR. CHEN'S REGRET.

Nationalists Promise "Strong Action."

Moscow, April 12. Mr. Chicherin has received a telegram from Mr. Eugene Chen expressing profound regret at the raid on the Soviet Embassy at Peking, and declaring the Nationalist Government would take strong action against the wanton violation of the Sovereignty and dignity of the Soviet Republics by Chang Tso-lin.—Reuter.

"PEL GO TO JAIL."

FIVE EQUAL TO A YEAR'S WORK.

When an aged Chinese woman was this morning fined \$25 or three weeks' jail for cutting firewood from Government plantation behind Wangneichong village, she remarked "I'll go to jail. It takes me a whole year to earn all that money."

WEATHER FORECAST.

S. winds, moderate; squally, showery. The forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

The monsoon is interrupted along the coast and over the China Sea.

The depression over Tongking has spread north-eastward.

SEDITIONARY BOOKLETS.

River Steamer Seaman Jailed.

SIX MONTHS' HARD LABOUR.

Fung San, a seaman of the s.s. "Fatsan" was this morning charged before Mr. E. E. Lindsell with the possession of 580 booklets containing seditious matter.

Magistrate (to accused): The charge against you is that you had in your possession copies of the "Seamen's Union Gazette" which contain anti-British and seditious matter.

Accused: I admit possession of the booklets but I did not know the nature of their contents.

The Magistrate suggested that accused must know all about a similar case in the Court two months ago when three seamen from an American ship were convicted.

Accused professed ignorance of the previous case.

Chief Detective Inspector Murphy said that since that case a circular had been issued by the Seamen's Union referring to the "high handed action" of the Hong Kong Government in preventing freedom of speech and action.

The accused therefore had no excuse for not knowing.

Accused said he was bringing the booklets from the Canton Union to the Hong Kong Union.

C.D.I. Murphy informed the Magistrate that the booklets were found by the police in accused's possession on the Canton wharf on April 4. Accused had waited until all the passengers had left the ship and the searchers had been withdrawn before venturing on the wharf with the booklets.

Referring to the contents of the booklets Mr. Lindsell told the accused that the statements about British warships' attack in the North and ruthless murder of Chinese in Hankow and Nanking were deliberate lies.

Accused replied that that was not his fault. The Union's committee was responsible for the contents of the magazine.

The Magistrate suggested that accused was one of the committee, otherwise he would not have undertaken to bring the booklets here.

Accused did not reply to this, but said he had always believed things published by the Union as true.

Mr. Lindsell said that it was obvious accused knew of the previous case when men were sentenced for possession of copies of the same publication, of an earlier issue. If accused dared to bring such things into the Colony he must suffer the consequences.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed.

"BROKE."

CHINESE LEGATIONS CLOSING DOWN.

NO PAY FOR TWO YEARS.

Geneva, April 12. "No salaries" no Legations. This appears to be the straits to which Chinese diplomatic arrangements in Europe are being reduced in consequence of the personnel not receiving money in some cases for two years, and explains the absence of Mr. Chao Hsin-chu, now Minister to Rome, from the disarmament committee, of which he is a member.

The closing down of Legations on May 1 is contemplated in view of the fact that Peking has not replied to representations concerning the financial aspect.

The Kuomintang committee in Paris washes its hands of the business and even refuses to take charge of the Legation archives in the event of the Legation closing.

It is understood that the delegation to the League will continue to function.—Reuter.

A Chinese yesterday attempted to commit suicide by hanging himself from a tree at Blake Garden. He was cut down by the police and taken to hospital in an unconscious condition.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand today was 2/0 3/18

CANTON PROSPECTS.

Trouble Not Likely In The City.

LABOUR UNDER CONTROL.

From very reliable sources, the "China Mail" learns that the talk of foreign evacuations from Canton and South China ports has been greatly exaggerated.

The consensus of opinion among both Chinese and foreigners in Canton is that there will be no clash between the Moderates and Extremists.

Even Labour is divided, and the Communists are not the stronger side, even though they may claim allegiance from the larger number of unions.

Petitions have been made to the Labour Department to prohibit activity of any kind whatsoever by the Communists.

Situation in Hand.

Official circles in Canton are not, on the surface, perturbed by the possibility of processions and/or demonstrations. The situation is well in hand. Commander Chien Ta-chun, of the Defence Corps, is a very strict disciplinarian, and his troops, acting as gendarmes, can well cope with eventualities.

A demonstration was to have been held yesterday. On Monday, the authorities claimed to have received a request from "a public meeting representative of all classes" that a postponement be made till April 16 (this Saturday). Accordingly, orders were at once given, stopping the proposed procession.

Vigilance and Censorship.

That emergency measures have been taken is admitted. Commander Chien Ta-chun's staff officers are acting as censors at the

telegraph office in the city. Other officials are functioning as postal censors. Vigilance is maintained at the highest pitch.

It is from such preventive measures that rumours have arisen of an impending outbreak. One report speaks for itself:—

Washington, April 12. A despatch to the State Department 1.0m the American Consul-General at Canton reports the situation is most tense and a clash between Communists and Moderates is momentarily expected.—Reuter.

The Consular Order.

The "China Mail" does not maintain that Mr. Douglas Jenkins, the American Consul-General at Shamen, is wrong. From the best informed sources, it is understood that the tension in Canton city is not due to fear of an outbreak with anti-foreign consequences, but to a suspicion that the Communists may be rounded up, which the authorities are quite capable of doing—once the lead was given by General Chiang Kai-shek in Shanghai and the North.

Not even the American people, however, are fully complying with the Consular order to leave Chinese territory. Information that, as far as possible, has been confirmed locally, is that only a minority of the foreigners have left Canton and West River ports and come down to Hong Kong to leave for elsewhere.

Many Foreigners Staying.

At least two American mission institutions in Canton city, the staff is carrying on. Then, again, there are considerable numbers of American citizens inside Shamen. Of the American communities up-country only a few have reported at Hong Kong.

Hardly any British subject has left Shamen. On the other hand, some of the foreigners have come to Hong Kong from the coast ports.

As regards the non-Chinese employees of the Chinese Maritime Customs stations in Kwang:

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The P. & O. s.s. "Devanha" left Shanghai for this port on April 12, at 4.30 p.m., and is due here on April 15, at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Manila yesterday, at 8 a.m., will leave that port to-morrow at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on April 16, at 9 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" left Singapore for this port on April 12, at 6 a.m., with the outward mails, and is due here on April 16, at about 6 p.m.

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Mr. D. C. Cameron, second officer, "Yunnan," has gone second officer, "Sinkiang."

Captain J. S. de Wolf, from Home leave, has gone master, "Talkoo Wan Yi." Captain D. Lupton, of the "Talkoo Wan Yi," has gone master, "Kweliang."

Mr. R. S. Goldie, from Home leave, has gone second engineer, "Linan."

Mr. M. W. Hayter, third engineer, "Suiyang," has gone third engineer, "Antung."

Mr. A. J. N. Wood, supply chief officer, "Pingwo," has gone supply chief officer, "Suiwo."

Mr. R. G. Gillespie has been appointed second officer, "Kingwo."

Mr. A. Cameron, from Home leave, has gone chief officer, "Pingwo."

Mr. N. Richardson, second officer, "Changwo," has gone acting chief officer, "Kingwo."

Mr. R. E. Smith, second officer, "Tingyang," is on reserve.

Captain C. Campbell, of the "Tuckwo," is on Home leave.

Captain F. Rowell, from reserve, has gone master, "Tuckwo."

Captain J. W. Pettigrew, from reserve, has gone master, "Tungwo."

Captain A. J. Rookledge, of the "Kingwo," is on Home leave.

Mr. C. D. Nichol, chief officer, "Hopang," is on reserve.

Mr. W. D. Rogers, chief officer, "Hsin Teengtah," has gone master, "Teengtah."

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Mr. O. C. Dabziel, second officer, "Hatching," has gone chief officer, same ship.

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MEXICO MARU Sunday, 1st May.

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SEATTLE MARU Wednesday, 27th April.

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LAHORE	8,252	11th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NELLORE	8,553	11th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo, B'way & K'oh
KHIVA	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
JAYPORE	8,218	20th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	25th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	9,005	11th June	Marseilles & London
MAINTA	10,002	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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KHIVA	9,135	18th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
SANTHA	7,754	22nd April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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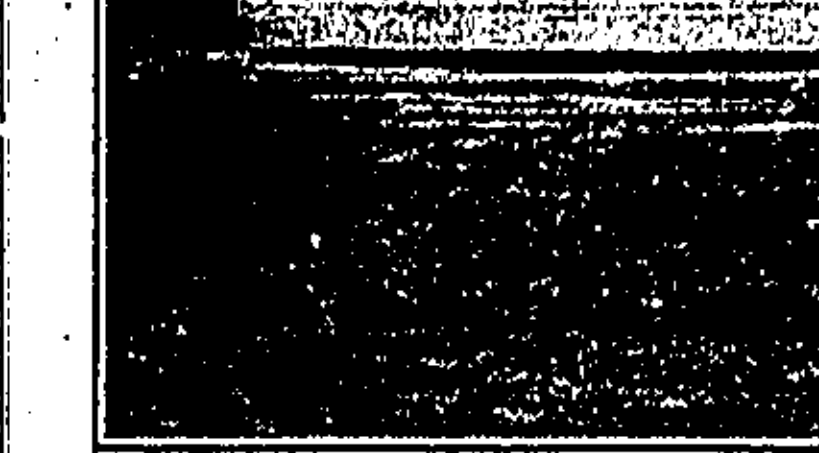
Mr. P. Mitchell, in the course of a speech, in which he breathed the spirit of justifiable optimism and confidence, said it was just a year ago almost to the day that he had the honour of addressing a similar function at the luncheon held on board the "Acanthara"—the first of the great motor vessels built for the Royal Mail Company. That ship was now engaged upon a cruise extending over a large portion of the globe.

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Over 10,000 people lined the coast at Vancouver to welcome the Canadian Pacific Empress of Canada, flagship of the Pacific fleet, when she steamed into her home port from the Orient recently, glistening in her new garb of white paint. She was escorted by several Canadian Government seaplanes.

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DEPARTURES.

First-class passengers sailed from Hong Kong for Manila by the "President Taft" on April 12, were:—Rev. F. C. Brading, Mr. R. Bolter, Mr. J. Banzon, Miss E. Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Colbath, Mr. and Mrs. H. Goldin, Mr. F. Hammond, Mr. J. M. Huppman, Mrs. V. S. Hood, Mrs. L. F. De Liehaucio, Miss L. De La Cruz, Mr. A. F. Lees, Mr. and Mrs. C. De Legaspi and family, Mr. W. R. Kuhns, Mr. W. A. Votaw, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Byram, Mr. Kwa Eng-lee, Mr. and Mrs. R. Maes, Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Maslin and family, Mrs. P. Niblock, Miss M. Parsons, Miss O. Rusinko, Mrs. C. Rhams, Mrs. J. M. Slater, Mr. Woo Sing-hin, Mr. L. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. I. Wise, Mr. Yang Ying-chung, Mrs. M. Kimberley, Mr. D. S. Eckert, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stahl, Mr. M. H. Toutz, Mr. Kwa Tak-cheong.

MANCHESTER THIRD PORT.

The report for last year of the Manchester Steamship Owners' Association, which was adopted at the annual meeting, expresses satisfaction that the Port of Manchester has regained the third place in the kingdom in order of importance calculated in value of cargoes handled in 1925. Even if the small trade conducted through Runcorn were not included in Manchester's total her trade for that year would still be greater than that of Hull. Figures are given to show the steady growth of the value of cargoes entering and leaving the Port of Manchester during the past five years. In 1921 the figure was 286.5 millions; the next year it rose to 292 millions; then to 294.1 in 1923, and up again to 314.6 millions last year. Considering the fall in value of many commodities since 1921 (the report comments) this continued increase is all the more striking.

SHIPS IN PORT.

This morning there were 63 ocean-going merchant vessels in Hong Kong harbour, of which number 24 fly the British flag.

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May 18	Seattle	Neurontia	June 18	Ch'ng-Shanghai June 22
May 24	San Francisco	Neurontia	June 25	Ch'ng-Shanghai July 2
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June 7	San Francisco	Olympia	July 9	Ch'ng-Shanghai July 16
June 14	Seattle	Aquitania	July 13	Ch'ng-Shanghai July 19
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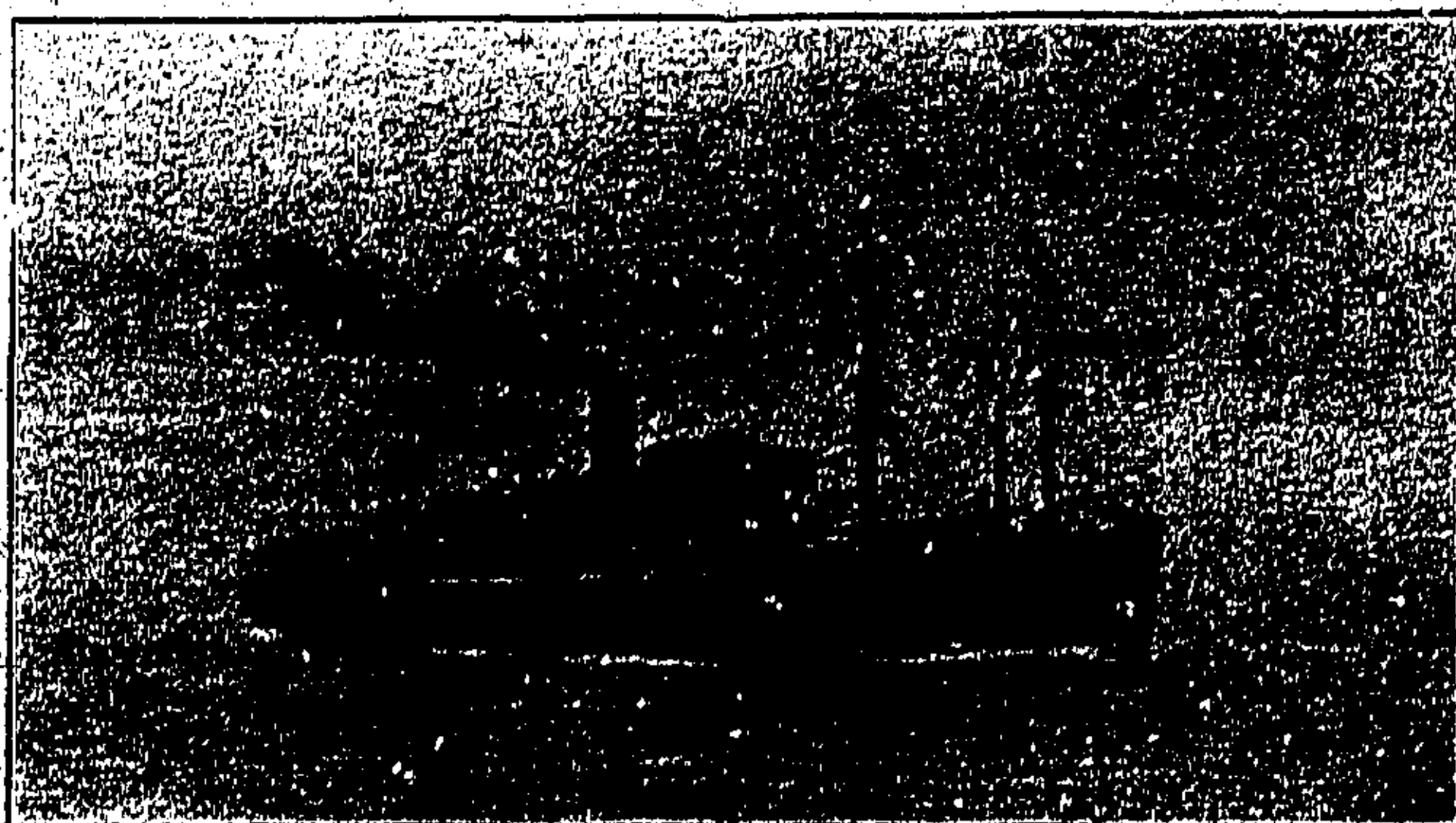
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Hong Kong, Wednesday, April 13, 1927.

SOVIET AND DEBTS.

Mr. Winston Churchill in the course of his Budget speech on Monday mentioned that the only war debt settlements still outstanding are with Yugoslavia and Russia. This fact is not new, of course, but it is worth emphasizing. Although she still owes us a huge sum of money, Russia yet loses no opportunity to do us harm. The Chinese should take note of that. They should ask themselves as a keen trading race how they would care to be in our position. The question is one that every Chinese can understand—every Chinese gave the handful of extremists who have sold their souls to Moscow. You have only to ask the average Chinese to imagine himself being abused and attacked by a person who owes him money for him to grasp the situation at once. Moreover the average Chinese is quick to see, when the matter is brought to his notice, that the moral side is far more serious than the financial. What can be said in defence of a nation that descends to such baseness? The Soviet would argue, of course, that the money was lent by an Imperialist country to the Tsarist regime and is therefore forfeit. But that is no answer. Relations between the countries of the world would become impossible if governments refused to honour the obligations of their predecessors. Moreover the Soviet has itself admitted liability for Russia's debts in the negotiations that have been proceeding with France for a settlement which will give French bondholders back a quarter of the money they advanced. The Soviet cannot hope to deceive the world in the face of these facts. Least of all can it hope to deceive any Chinese who gives the matter a second thought. The money has been lent by Britain, and the Soviet is doing all it can to harm Britain. There is no getting away from that. The Soviet is following a course that can hardly be called anything but dishonest—that in an individual would be so considered by every honourable person. The Chinese should remember that and ask themselves what trust can be put in a country which does not scruple to descend to such baseness to serve its own ends. The

fact that the Soviet makes no secret of its enmity for Britain has nothing to do with the matter. The Soviet is committing a dishonest action. Therefore it cannot be trusted—either by the Chinese or by anyone else.

"Profound Regret."

Very considerably the Soviet's ruffled feelings have been smoothed by Mr. Eugene Chen, who has wired to Moscow expressing profound regret regarding the raid on the Soviet Embassy in Peking and threatening strong action against Marshal Chang Tso-lin. In Mr. Chen's estimation the raid in question is a vastly more important matter than the Nanking atrocities by licensed soldiers and unlicensed mobs. The idea of expressing regret, profound or otherwise, at the inhuman outrages on harmless foreigners and at the wholesale looting of foreign Consulates and premises has never occurred to Mr. Chen. If he does eventually apologise for them it will only be because of the demand for this contained in the Notes submitted by the five Powers. And in regard to numerous other outrages elsewhere Mr. Chen has shown the same backward spirit as regards any expression of profound regret. In sending the telegram to Moscow Mr. Chen, of course, may have been compelled to do so by the extremists in power in Hankow, in which case it is narrowed down to Moscow expressing regret to Moscow and Moscow telling Moscow that strong action will be taken against Chang Tso-lin! If so, the telegram is not worth the paper it was written on, and may be dismissed from further consideration. And the same circumstances may explain the inaction of Mr. Chen in relation to any formal expression of regret for the Nanking outrages.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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E. B. C. HORNEILL,

Hon. Secretary,
Peak Residents' Association,
Hong Kong, April 12, 1927.

FRANTIC WOMAN.

LEAP TO DEATH FROM A TOWER.

London, March 23.
Seville.—Eluding the vigilance of a belfringer, a frantic young woman climbed the Giralda Tower of the Cathedral, whence she leapt and fell on top of two small jaegers of the belfringer who were playing below.

Both children were seriously injured and the woman was killed.

A Chinese boy was yesterday taken to the hospital suffering from injuries to his head and right leg as the result of a timber falling on him. He was gathering firewood in the old Fire Station, Queen's Road Central, when the accident occurred.

POLICE PARADE.

Annual Inspection By
Governor.

AWARDS PRESENTED.

The annual inspection of the Hong Kong Police Force by His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) took place in the Central Station compound yesterday afternoon.

The parade was composed of contingents of European, Indian, Chinese and Wei-hai-wei Police and a small squad of Indian guards.

Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., D.S.F., was in charge of the Europeans while the Indians and Chinese were headed respectively by Mr. C. G. Percus, A.S.P., and Mr. L. H. V. Booth, A.S.P.

His Excellency the Governor was accompanied by his A.D.C., Captain C. H. Steele, M.C., and his car was led on to the compound by a dozen cyclists of the special police "Flying Squad." On arrival Sir Cecil was received with the "General Salute" sounded by an Indian bugler of the Police Force.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of Police) met His Excellency and accompanied him and Capt. Steele on the inspection of the force.

After the inspection His Excellency presented medals and commendations to various members of the force for good work done during the year. Prizes for rifle and revolver shooting won during the past year were also distributed.

At the conclusion the parade formed the three sides of a hollow square from the centre of which His Excellency addressed them as follows:—

Governor's Address.

His Excellency then addressed the force as follows:—Mr. Wolfe, Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Constables of the Hong Kong Police Force, I am glad to be able to congratulate all ranks of the Force on faithful and efficient service rendered to the Colony during last year under conditions which were exceptionally trying. The work of the European police was very meritorious and I note with satisfaction an increase in number of those who are qualifying in the Chinese language. The Indian police have carried out their increasingly difficult duties in a most praiseworthy manner and their discipline and esprit de corps have been entirely unaffected by the Bolshevik turbulence now let loose in the Far East. The Chinese police have behaved loyally and well, especially those in the Criminal Investigation Department, who had much hard work thrown upon them owing to the chaos and anarchy which prevailed in the neighbouring provinces of China. The Traffic Police show distinct improvement in the discharge of their duties, particularly those selected Wei-hai-wei men who have passed the regulation of traffic test after undergoing a special course at the Police Training School. The members of the Flying Squad, both regulars and specials, have done good work and the specials, only recently enrolled, deserve great praise for the unflinching manner in which they have placed their services at all times at the disposal of the Police Authorities. The capture of a bad character with a fully loaded revolver on him by four specials of the Flying Squad just before the Chinese New Year was very creditable.

Pirates and Pirates.

Piracy and brigandage occur unfortunately with alarming frequency in the immediate neighbourhood of this Colony. The work which devolves upon the Hong Kong Police in this connection is both difficult and dangerous. A good example was the "Sunning" piracy case, which implicated 22 defendants and entailed heavy work on the European and Chinese members of the Criminal Investigation Department, who acquitted themselves well in their handling of the case with the result that death sentences were passed on eight pirates, of whom six have already been executed and two await execution. The Indian guards, who are placed on steamers to prevent piracy, come in for much criticism from time to time. It is, therefore, only right that attention should be drawn to the dangerous nature of their duties. The list of casualties in their ranks during past years was augmented by the attack upon two guards in the steam launch "Sai Kung" by pirates near High Island in September last. One of these guards succumbed to his injuries. Thanks to the vigilance of the officer in charge of No. 2 police launch, Sub-Inspector Perkins, the pirates had to leave the "Sai Kung" hurriedly, and soon afterwards, as a result of further smart work on the part of the Water Police under Inspector Brown, arrests were made which led to the execution of three pirates.

Sub-Inspector Andrew's exploit. It gives me much pleasure to record the fine exploit of Sub-Inspector Andrew, assisted by Lance Sergeant Goodwin and a party of Chinese police, at Kwai Chung in December last, when they accounted for eight out of nine brigands who had intended to rob a digger. Four were shot dead and four were captured and sentenced to varying terms of imprisonment. The police fortunately suffered no casualties, although severely injured. Sub-Inspector Andrew has been recommended for the King's medal and the other officers concerned have been suitably rewarded.

ed. In this case again the Water Police are to be congratulated on their share in the encounter, for they captured three men on the boat which brought the robbers to Kwai Chung.

The Police in the New Territories have done excellent work throughout the year. They have had their hands full owing to trouble across our frontier and the services of Assistant Superintendent Gerrard deserve high praise.

Musketry has been hampered owing to the lack of a suitable range; but thanks to the public spirit of the Tai Kok Rifle Club, which has kindly placed its range at the disposal of the Police Force, when required, I trust that this difficulty will be completely overcome. Increased interest has been taken in revolver shooting, an impetus to which was given by the Surrey Regiment, who presented a very handsome trophy which is competed for quarterly by teams of nine men.

Police Training School.

The Police Training School has continued its good work throughout the year under the able administration of Inspector Paterson assisted by an efficient staff. Part of the curriculum of the Police Training School is instruction in First Aid, and in addition to the recruits who are now all trained in First Aid, a large number of European, Indian and Chinese Police have qualified. I trust that before long the entire Force will be so qualified. We live in difficult times, and I fear that the work of the Hong Kong Police Force during 1927 will be no less arduous than it was in 1926. It must, however, be an encouragement to you in the discharge of your duties to know that the entire community of the Colony places complete confidence in your discipline, efficiency and loyalty. On behalf of the Colony I thank you for good work faithfully done in the past. I wish you all success for the future, and I am sure that you will at all times worthily maintain the fine traditions of the Force.

Awards.

The following awards were made by His Excellency after the inspection:—

Medals.

Sub-Inspector Andrew—recommended for King's Police Medal.—This officer was responsible for the disposition of the Police, who were sent out to guard a distillery at Kwai Chung. Gin Drinkers Bay, against an impending attack by armed robbers. When the attack took place on December 2, 1926, he was successful in that, out of 8 robbers, 4 were killed and 4 captured. He was twice fired at point blank by the leader of the gang. Fortunately, both rounds were defective. Sub-Inspector Andrew, in his turn, shot his opponent dead.

L.S.A. 195 Goodwin—2nd Class Medal.—In the initial stages of the encounter with armed robbers at Kwai Chung, Gin Drinkers Bay, on December 2, 1926, this officer fatally wounded one of the attacking party. He was afterwards pursuing some other members of the gang, when he was fired at by another man. The latter he killed, assisted by P. S. 135 Tang Sang.

C. C. 17 Chau Sau—2nd Class Medal.—This officer together with Detective C. C. 625, Mak Po Tai, engaged 3 of the robbers in the affair at Kwai Chung, Gin Drinkers Bay. He seized one man, who was armed with a revolver. During the struggle, he was attacked by another man armed with a dagger, slightly wounded and forced to release his opponent. The latter was killed later.

Detective P. S. 185 Tang Sang—3rd Class Medal.—On the occasion of the fight with armed robbers at Kwai Chung, Gin Drinkers Bay, this officer was responsible together with L. S. A. 196 Goodwin, for the killing of a robber who had fired 2 shots at L. S. A. 195 himself.

Detective C. C. 426 Mak Po Tai—4th Class Medal.—On the occasion of the fight with armed robbers at Kwai Chung, Gin Drinkers Bay, this officer was posted with C. C. 17 Chau Sau whom he assisted when attacked by one of the robbers. He was also engaged in the fight with 3 of the robbers.

C. C. 406 Fong Cheung and C. 118 Chan Pui are granted 4th class medals for courageously and tenaciously chasing and capturing a murderer who was armed with an iron bar and a dagger and who strenuously resisted arrest on 5th September, 1926. Both the Constables were unarmed at the time.

Engineer-in-Chief Li Luk and L. S. W. 17 Lee Tam of the Water Police are granted 4th class medals for long and faithful service.

Commendations by H.E. the Governor.

Detective Inspector Pincott is commended by His Excellency the Governor for thoroughness and zeal in conducting investigations and supervising the work of Detectives in Kowloon Stations during 1926.

Sub-Inspector Perkins is commended by H.E. the Governor for initiative shown in connection with the piracy and murder on board the steam launch "Sai Kung" on Sept. 12, 1926. S. I. Perkins, in charge of No. 2 Police Launch, noticing that the steam launch "Sai Kung" had deviated from her course, followed her and came in sight of her when pirates on board had begun to loot the launch. The approach of No. 2 Launch caused the pirates to decamp hastily, and they were all arrested later.

Sub-Inspector Brown is commended by H.E. the Governor for zeal and initiative shown in tracking down

FOR THE SERVICES.

CAPITAL ENTERTAINMENT
LAST NIGHT.

Y.M.C.A. CONCERTS.

Members of the Services were amply provided for in the way of entertainment last night by Y.M.C.A. organisations.

A whist drive and dance took place at the City Hall, under the auspices of the Entertainment Sub-Committee, about fifty tables being occupied.

The usual Tuesday night concert took place at the "Cheerio" (Queen's Building depot) whilst this was in progress and another concert followed the whist drive.

The Tuesday night's concerts at the "Cheerio" are in charge of Mrs. W. Costen and provide bright and cheery entertainment. Last night, in addition to naval and military contributors, the following took part: Mrs. C. P. Marcel, Mrs. R. Sanger, Mrs. H. Balean, Mrs. G. W. R. Griggs, Mrs. C. P. F. James, and Mrs. H. V. Parker.

Those taking part in the concert following the whist drive were: Mr. Hyde Lay, (baritone), Mr. R. Sutherland, (diversion), Mr. M. Minney, (soprano), and Miss Munro (songs). Mrs. Hyde Lay was the accompanist.

Modern mergers, when managed by able business men, are not made for the purpose of creating monopolies or of inflating prices.—Sir Alfred Mond.

If the wages of the Post Office staff, by reason of their being Government servants, are fixed or maintained at a higher level than is possible in outside industry, it will be a manifest injustice to the fellow workmen in the great national industries which are less fortunately situated, and to the general taxpayer who has to foot the bill.—Mr. E. Raven (General Post-Office).

and finally arresting 3 men who were charged with piracy and murder on board the steam launch "Sai Kung" on the 12th September, 1926. Two of these men were subsequently sentenced to death.

L. S. 155 Lamprill commended by H.E. the Governor for bravery in engaging a madman, armed with a razor at a Battery Street, Yau-mai, on December 16, 1926.

L. S. 156 Lamprill was severely wounded in the waist during the struggle.

L. S. 21 Carson and L. S. 147 Johnson—commended by H.E. the Governor. On the occasion of the fight with armed robbers at Kwai Chung, Gin Drinkers Bay, on December 2, 1926, these two officers were in charge of No. 6 Police Launch and were responsible for the capture of a junk in which 3 of the unwounded robbers were endeavouring to escape.

Principal Chinese Detective Wong Lau is commended by H.E. the Governor for zeal and intelligence displayed in handling information and conducting enquiries and plans whereby two live bombs were seized at the Wan Kau Boarding House, 32 New Market Street, on March 2nd, 1926. One man was sentenced to five years hard labour. One woman was sentenced to four years hard labour.

Detective L. S. C. 75 Lo Kwong and Detective C. C. C. 357 Tsai Wing Kok commended by H.E. the Governor for zeal shown in conducting investigations and finally arresting 2 men who were charged with piracy and murder on board the steam launch "Sai Kung" on 12th September, 1926. Both prisoners were subsequently sentenced to death.

Detective L. S. 90 Kwong Hung—Commended by H.E. the Governor. On the occasion of the fight with armed robbers at Kwai Chung, Gin Drinkers Bay, December 2, 1926, this officer, who was under cover, shot dead one of the robbers who was attempting to escape.

Stoker Leung Yu of No. 6 Police Launch commended by H.E. the Governor and granted a reward of \$10, for prompt action in going to the rescue of an old man who accidentally fell into the water at Typhoon Shelter on December 18, 1926.

Rifle Shooting.
The winners of prizes for rifle and revolver shooting during past year follow:

European Police.—Superintendents' Cup, Won by P. S. 29 Carey. Revolver Championship Cup, 2nd prize, P. S. 14 Saunders. S.I. Edward Stubbs Revolver Cup, Won by P. S. 29 Carey. Revolver Handicap Cup, Won by P. S. 29 Carey.

Team Competition for East Surrey Revolver Cup, Won by Hon. Mr. E. D. Wolfe's team.

Prize for best team in winning team: P. S. 14 Saunders.

Indian Police: 1st prize, I. P. C. 88 Anwar Khan; 2nd prize, I. P. C. 263 Jagir Singh; 3rd, I. P. C. 71 Awer Singh.

Revolver Shooting: 1st, I. P. C. 803 Malak; 2nd, I. P. C. 45 Sher Ali Shah; 3rd, I. P. C. 58 Alim Khan; I. P. C. 688 Gurbash Singh.

Chinese Police: Revolver Championship Cup, Won by C. C. 78 Lau Hing-wa; 2nd, P. C. D. 280 Wei Kuei-lin; 3rd, P. C. D. 357, Yang Huan-heng.

SMALLER NAVIES.

EFFORTS TO REACH AN AGREEMENT.

LIMITING OF EFFECTIVES.

Geneva, April 12.

The preparatory disarmament committee disposed of the remaining points of divergence in the British and French naval armaments drafts.

The question of limiting effectives has been reserved for second reading in the hope that an acceptable formula may be found.

Viscount Cecil agreed to limitation of the total effectives on condition that all the contracting parties also agreed.

He reiterated the reservation that Britain could only be able to make concessions on her own behalf and not as regards the naval effectives of the Dominions.

Mr. Gibson (United States) declared that the limitation of the number of ships would lead to limitation of effectives.

Viscount Sato (Japan) was unable to assent to limitation of effectives, though he might be able to reconsider the matter on a second reading. He opposed dividing the fleet into home and colonies, and in this respect agreed with Britain, America and Italy, whereupon Mr. Boncour (France) abandoned the distinction between home and colonial fleets.

M. Broekere (Belgium) said it was now possible to submit a single text to the conference, affirming the principle of limitation of all effectives capable of fighting on land.—Reuter.

"STRANGE HUNTING."

FOX ATTACKED BY A RAVEN.

London, March 24.

Followers of the Ulswater hounds had a unique experience while hunting in the eastern foothills of the Pennines.

The fox took them up a slope of Cross Fell, the edge of which borders on Westmoreland, Cumberland, and the North Riding of Yorkshire.

It was hard pressed by the hounds when suddenly it was attacked by a raven, which repeatedly descended to worry the running fox. The latter savagely bit at the bird in a counter-attack.

The raven made off as the hounds closed and brought down their quarry.

Another remarkable kill was made by the Coniston foxhounds in the Lake District.

The hounds ran a fox from 1.30 in the afternoon until 8 p.m. and killed him in darkness.

The neighbouring residents, hearing the baying of the hounds, went to a lake and lighted matches. They found the fox lying in the water.

DOCTOR SUED.

CAPTAIN'S CLAIM FOR DAMAGES DISMISSED.

London, March 22.

After a hearing extending over 15 days a jury in the King's Bench Division stopped the case with a verdict for the defendants in an action by Captain Frederick Humespy, who claimed damages against two doctors for alleged negligence in certifying him as insane in March 1923.

The case was remarkable for allegations of misconduct made by the plaintiff against his wife and two other doctors and the fact that the wife gave evidence against the plaintiff.

Mr. Justice MacCardie said that he would retain the documents for the Public Prosecutor to consider whether he should take criminal proceedings against the plaintiff for perjury or any other offence.

"CLARK'S FOLLY" SOLD.

The palatial, but eccentric, New York home of the late Senator, William Clark, the "Montana copper king" which he had built twenty-five years ago at a cost of about £1,500,000, was sold for little more than the value of the ground upon which it stands.

The house is a huge, granite structure, containing 120 rooms, four art galleries, a swimming pool, and a theatre, and was known here as "Clark's Folly."

For its construction materials were obtained from all corners of the earth. In building his mansion Mr. Clark bought a quarry in New Hampshire, and later he purchased a bronze company, with 200 employees, to manufacture the fixtures for his home.

The oak for the main dining-room came from Sherwood Forest, and some of the ceilings had been taken from a French chateau.

The great mansion has been for sale since Mr. Clark's death two years ago. No purchaser could be found except at scrap prices. It will be demolished immediately, and a great, luxurious apartment house will be erected on the site, each of which will sell for \$4,000.

Johnson: "Do yo' ank, Jackson, yo' can support my daughter!" Jackson: "Suttin'ly."

Johnson: "Hab yo' ebber seen her eat?" Jackson: "Suttin'ly."

Johnson: "Hab yo' ebber seen her eat when nobody was lookin'?"

GREAT IMPOSTOR.

BEFRIENDED BY GABY DESLYS.

HOAXED A WHOLE ARMY.

(Stephane Otto, the king of impostors, who hoaxed the French authorities on the Riviera a few months ago, by representing himself to be Lord Ashdown, entrusted with a mission on behalf of the Prince of Wales, has been arrested again, this time for posing as a French officer attached to the Inter-Allied Disarmament Commission.)

Otto had packed into his short career (he is only 27) far more adventure and romance than fall to the lot of the hero—or the villain—of sensational fiction.

At the age of fifteen, Otto ran away from his home in the occupied part of Belgium, passed through the German lines and tried to join the Belgian Army. At that time the Germans were using many spies to get information about the strength of the Belgian troops, and the boy fell under suspicion.

He was a prisoner when Gaby Deslys, the music-hall star, visited the Belgian front to entertain the troops. She heard the story of the mystery boy, from the camp commander and obtained permission to visit him in his cell. He was always glib, attractive, and well-mannered, and he appealed to her.

Adopted by Gaby, "He is just a child," she insisted to the Belgian officers, "but a child with the heart of a man. I will swear on my soul that he is not a spy."

Gaby succeeded in obtaining his release and wanted to take him to Paris to give him an education, but he ran away en route, managed to join the Belgian Army, and was severely wounded on the Yser.

He wrote to her from the military hospital saying he was lonely. She replied that she considered him as her adopted son, and thus henceforth he belonged to her. She threw up an engagement at the Folies Bergere and hurried to the hospital to nurse him, but the Belgian doctors refused to have her in their institution, and she had to content herself by living in the neighbourhood and taking walks with him when he was convalescing.

Challenge to Duel. Apparently he fell in love with her, as she tells in her reminiscences how she was dining with a certain prince in a Paris restaurant after the war, when Otto, who was posing as a Belgian baron, strode in, drew off a glove, smote the man across the face, and challenged him to a duel.

"I really believe that a duel would have been fought," said Gaby, "but for the fact that he was exposed as an impostor. I was sorry for the boy. He was so gallant, so naturally noble, and so charming."

In spite of all she had done for him Otto swindled many of her friends in Paris, London, and Brussels, to whom she had given him letters of introduction, and even pretended that he was the romantic offspring of a secret morganatic marriage between Gaby and a certain European sovereign.

Whole Army Hoaxed. After the Armistice he made all Europe laugh by hoaxing Major General Allen, commanding officer of the American Army of Occupation in Germany.

"I am Baron Tierney and I have been sent by my cousin, the King of Belgium, to decorate you with the Order of Supreme Merit for the part you played in liberating Belgium soil," the impostor, who was dressed as a Belgian captain, told General Allen upon arriving at Cologne.

The General asked the Belgian mission in Cologne to confirm this claim, and the chief of the mission reported that he did not know "Baron Tierney" but that his papers were in perfect order.

"In fact, I recommended that you be decorated," the Belgian officer confided, which seemed to sweep away any doubts.

The next day Otto decorated General Allen and his entire staff in the parade ground at Cologne with some faded medals, and afterwards all the American troops were paraded in his honour.

General Allen even issued an order of the day calling attention to the signal favour that had been done them by King Albert in sending a member of the Royal Family to confer the decorations.

That night the American officers gave Otto a magnificent banquet, during the course of which he succeeded in making a few loans. When he left the next morning the army band escorted him to the train and played the American and Belgian national anthems. The artillery also gave him the salute of a king's envoy, and the commanding officer and his staff went down to see him off.

General Allen sent a letter of thanks to King Albert, and the hoax was only discovered when the astonished King made an investigation.

Housed in a Palace. Later, Otto started for Constantinople, posing as Prince Charles of Belgium. As the alleged son of King Albert he managed to borrow money in every capital between Paris and the Bosphorus, and when he finally arrived at Constantinople as the "Envoy extraordinary of the Belgian Government" the Sultan loaded him with presents and installed him in one of his castles for several weeks.

He turned up in Paris a few months later as an ex-secretary of the British Government, he was used, masked, and sent to prison for swindling.

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Secrets to several Continental Powers. Eventually he appeared in London with a forged letter from King Albert which introduced "Our well-beloved and valiant Major de Reney," and, after calling on a number of distinguished British Admirals and Generals, drove to Buckingham Palace and demanded an audience with the Duke of York.

He was kept waiting in an ante-room while someone sent for a Scotland Yard man, and he ended up this escapade in prison for swindling hotels and shopkeepers.

After he was deported from England he enlisted in the French Foreign Legion in Algeria.

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REDS ON TRIAL.

UPRISING IN BUDAPEST RECALLED.

THE HAND OF MOSCOW.

Budapest, April 12.

The trial has opened in the extraordinary court of Zoltan Szanto, the former Communist commissar who fled abroad after the collapse of the dictatorship of Bela Kun in 1919, and subsequently returned and lived at Budapest under an assumed name, and Stefan Vagi, leader of the Socialist extreme left, and nineteen others.

The public prosecutor declared that the Third International was aiming to overthrow western civilisation by force of arms. He alleged that the accused at the instigation of Moscow had undertaken to organise a secret Communist party in Hungary on the well-known "cell" system.—Reuter.

Court's Decision.

Budapest, April 13.

After examining Szanto and the other accused the extraordinary court decided that the case was outside its competence. The trial was therefore referred back to the ordinary courts.—Reuter.

TRAPPED ON TREE.

HAND PINNED TO BOUGH BY HAWSER.

For two hours and a half Charles Edward Skeets, aged 18, of Thornton Heath, Surrey, was a prisoner on an elm tree 60ft. from the ground in Whitworth Road, South Norwood, S.E., his hand trapped between a heavily weighted steel hawser and a bough.

With his brother he had been felling elm trees on a Saturday afternoon. The steel hawser was fixed round a heavy bough which was being sawn through. When severed from the trunk the bough swung down hanging by the hawser, the other end of which had been passed over a bough on which was Skeets. The hawser unexpectedly slipped and caught Skeets's hand.

His brother, with the help of police officers, cut through the hawser with a hack saw, a long and perilous piece of work in the fog and gathering darkness.

Neither the injured man nor his helpers could get down, and a fire escape was called from Croydon Fire Station. By means of a rope chain Skeets was hoisted to the escape and then to the ground, where he collapsed.

His rescuers were also taken to safety.

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RUM ROW.

OFFICERS AND CREW OPEN TO PUNISHMENT.

SUPREME COURT RULING.

Washington, April 12.

The United States Supreme Court has decided that any British subject apprehended by the Federal authorities and brought in to the United States under the Anglo-American rum-running treaty can be tried for conspiracy to violate the laws of the United States.

This judgment was given in the case of the British steamer "Quadrant," seized off the Farallon Islands in the Pacific.

It was held that the seizure was within the zone prescribed by the treaty, but whether it was within the prescribed limits would not affect the question of the guilt or innocence of those on board.

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LOCAL DEBATE.

ENVIRONMENT AGAINST HEREDITY.

INTELLIGENCE TESTS.

Does environment or heredity play a greater part in the formation of what is commonly known as intelligence?

In a debate at St. Peter's Young Men's Club last night between the Club and the Hong Kong University Union, the "house" decided that the greatest factor was heredity (the debaters from the University taking this side).

Leading the debate for environment, Mr. A. E. Lee argued that intelligence was not ingrained in the human being but rather was acquired in the course of evolution from the lowest forms of life, through the assimilation of the external influences of environment. In the depth of tropical jungle or at the bottom of the sea, life would be found to be striving to conform to the conditions in which it found itself.

Was not the aim of parents in regard to their children's education, that they should be able to adapt them to Oxford and Cambridge. And what was this but recognition that the greatest factor in education was the refined atmosphere to be obtained in the environment of the University? And was not the movement behind the abolition of the slums, recognition of the fact that a change from sordid to brighter surroundings would influence the children's intellect and lead to a higher standard all round?

Mr. K. A. A. Toft opened in support of heredity as opposed to environment, and quoted scientific authorities in support of the contention that the influence of heredity was to be observed in all organisms and characteristics. He claimed that there was more than coincidence and still less of environment in the fact that historically great men when their genealogy was traced were found to have descended from ancestors of equal genius.

Another speaker supporting Mr. Toft's argument, asked the audience if they could visualise an ass being anything other than an ass if it was placed amongst horses.

Mr. C. C. Zimmerman, in supporting environment as against heredity, referred to great men who had descended from parents and ancestors of humble origin and of no great ability because they had been diligent and removed themselves from the cramping environment of their parents' sphere of life.

Environment as against heredity in influencing intelligence was defeated by 23 votes to 1

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The public of Singapore will have the privilege of again hearing Helfatz, as the noted violinist intends giving one recital there tomorrow.

No report of small-pox was made yesterday but there were two other cases of notifiable disease, viz., enteric fever (typhoid), both patients being Chinese in the city registration district.

The funeral of Mr. A. A. Carvalho, who died at the French Convent Hospital on Monday, took place yesterday at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, and was attended by many friends and relatives.

A vocal and instrumental Recital will be given in St. John's Cathedral on Good Friday evening, at 8.15 o'clock. The soloists are Mrs. R. Sangre (soprano), Mrs. G. E. Aubrey (violin), Mr. A. F. Claville (bass), assisted by members of the Cathedral choir. A collection will be made for the Organ Fund.—Adv't.

A story, that recalls Bishop Hatto and other medieval legends comes from Temesvar, the former Hunwarian town in the Banat, which is now Roumanian territory. A man of seventy, Leka Bogdanov, was found dead with his skull broken and his face horribly mutilated. He was a recluse, with no friends, his only pleasure being his pigeons, which he treated with the greatest affection and care. On their behalf he waged a bitter war against the cats of the neighbourhood, whose corpses he threw on his dunghill. His face was discovered in an almost unrecognisable state, bitten, scratched and gnawed at, the nose being entirely bitten off. The superstitious villagers are convinced that he fell a victim to the revenge of the cats.

In his 70th year Sir Ronald Ross, director of the Ross Institute for Tropical Diseases, who traced the malaria germ to the mosquito and so made a third of the world habitable, has just returned from a 1,000 miles tour through India and Malaya. Despite his age, he was hard at work in his laboratory planning a new mass attack on the mosquito. "At present," he said, "the efforts of the planter to check malaria are frequently undone by his neighbour who lets mosquitoes breed at will. So I am preparing a scheme for the establishment of malaria boards to supervise and direct the work. The damage the mosquito does, costs us millions annually, so it is time the Empire took an intelligent interest in the work of prevention. Unfortunately, there are still many planters who do not realise that they can best save the expense the insect costs them by spending a little money in prevention."

Mr. John Henry Mossop, of 50, Charles Street, Berkeley-square, W., who left gross estate value £143,558, with net personality, £142,875, gave £400 to his cook, Mary Fitzpatrick.



Mr. Soe-Ko Alfred Sze, Chinese Minister to the United States.

If still in his service and not under notice. He also left £300 similarly to his housemaid, Sarah James, and £7 10s. and a life annuity of £30 to Phoebe Fife, widow of his groom, Peter Fife.

LOCAL WEDDING.

At St. Stephen's Church yesterday, the wedding was solemnized of Henry Ma (eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ma Joe-yung) and Mary Wong (the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wong Joy-hung). The Rev. Lee Kau-yun officiated. The bride wore a dress of pink satin trimmed with crystal beads and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaids, the Misses Grace Wong and Amy Ma, wore apple green georgette and apricot georgette and had bouquets of pink roses. Also in the bridal retinue were Miss Ma Kum-of (flower girl), Master Stanley Lock Lee (page), and Miss Betty Wong (page-girl). Mr. Wong Joy-hung gave his daughter away. Mr. Andrew Ma supported the bridegroom as best man and Mr. Charles Ma acted as groomsmen. Dr. S. W. Phoon was at the organ. After the ceremony, a reception was held at No. 8, St. Stephen's Lane (the groom's residence).

A bull was knocked down by the train between Seremban and Ipoh in Malaya. Its body was later found lying about twenty yards from the scene of the accident.

A fancy dress carnival dance has been arranged for Easter Monday at the Royal Engineers' Theatre, Wellington Barracks, beginning at 8.30 p.m. The "Somers" Orchestra will be in attendance. Fancy dress is optional.

The first British singer at the Paris Opera made his appearance during mail week. He is Mr. John Brownlee, the 23 years old Scottish-Australian baritone, who was discovered by Dame Nellie Melba, and sang at Covent Garden last season. He will take the part of Athanael in Massenet's famous opera, "Thais." Mr. Brownlee has been studying under Dink Gilly, the Algerian baritone, who for a number of years sang leading baritone parts at Covent Garden. He has now signed a 12 months' agreement with the Paris Opera.

*** THEOSOPHY ***

"The Guardians of Humanity" will be the subject of this Week's Public Lecture of The Hong Kong Lodge The Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell Street, on Thursday, April 14th, at 8 p.m. The Public are heartily invited to attend. Good Library. Theosophical Books for sale. Open daily from 7 to 8 p.m., Monday, Friday and Saturday from 8-8 p.m.

Is swearing necessary? No. What about this story related by Graves? asks the "Straits Times." Failing once after repeated positive efforts in swearing to induce in a squad the gymnastic style he expected, a staff-sergeant moodily gave the "Stand easy!" and beckoned the men up to hear a story. "When I was a little nipper," he began, "on my seventh birthday my dear old granny gave me a little box of wooden soldiers. Oh dear, you wouldn't imagine how pleased I was with them! I drilled them up and down, and then one day I took them down to the seashore and lost them. Oh, you wouldn't believe how I cried! And when I came home to tea that night, let me blubbering, my dear old granny—her hair was white as snow and her soul whiter still—she says to me: 'Little Archie, cheer up' she says. 'For God is good and one day you'll find your little wooden soldiers again.' And, Oh, she was right, I have. You wooden stiffs with the paint sucked off your faces!" An example of military restraint that was not surpassed in mutiny days on Raffles Reclamation!

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

On a short visit to Hong Kong, Dr. V. G. Alberto, a prominent specialist of Manila, arrived here today with his wife and family on the "President Jackson."

The wife of the Mayor of Manila, Mrs. B. de Romualdez, arrived in Hong Kong today, with her daughter and son, by the "President Jackson." They are paying a visit to the Colony.

Mrs. C. S. Williams, the wife of the American Admiral (of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet), now at Shanghai, arrived in Hong Kong today from Manila on the "President Jackson" and sails for Shanghai on the same ship.

Miss MacDonald, sister of Mr. A. G. McDonald, Assistant Warden of Mines, is visiting Kuala Lumpur. She has been touring Assam, Calcutta and Rangoon, and when her visit there is ended, is going back to New Zealand.

Mr. G. J. McCarthy, passenger agent in the Orient for the Dollar Line and American Mail Line, is returning to Shanghai after a business trip to Manila. He arrived in Hong Kong today on the "President Jackson."

Estate in the Colony to the value of \$64,500 was left by the late Mrs. E. M. de Barros Pereira, late of No. 4, Calçada de Gambos, Macao, and formerly of 2 Caine Road, probate in respect of which has been granted to Mr. A. C. Botelho, of 88, Broadway Road, sole executor and trustee. The property is to be divided equally among her children.

Through passengers on the "President Jackson," which arrived here today from Manila, on route for Shanghai, Japan, Manila, San Francisco and Los Angeles included:—Mrs. B. L. Haskell, Mrs. E. V. Meade, Mrs. D. C. Godwin, Mrs. L. J. Webb (for Shanghai), Mrs. T. Ide (of the M.B.K.), Mr. and Mrs. N. Nakamura (for Kobe), Mr. M. M. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. O. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Evans, Mr. A. D. Gibbs, Mr. W. J. Gorham, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Logan, Mrs. C. M. Malcolm, Mr. M. M. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Von Plonkowski, Dr. V. D. Sezenosky, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Taylor, Captain W. J. and Mrs. Todd, Mr. E. H. Wilson.

Dr. Chen Yu-seu, a lady lawyer who graduated in France and who is practising at the Mixed Court in the French Concession, wrote to the Shanghai Municipal Government announcing that she declines to accept membership of the executive committee of the Shanghai Municipal Government.



Bucharest, April 12.—The condition of the King continues to improve and no further bulletins will be issued.—Reuter.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Oehlers were the recipients of very hearty congratulations on March 31 when they celebrated their silver wedding and entertained their large party of their friends at their residence at St. Michael's, Singapore. Amongst those present were the Bishop of Singapore and Mrs. Ferguson-Lane, the Rev. G. T. Shilliff, and many well known members of the Eurasian community. The Bishop of Singapore, who proposed the health of the host and hostess in a felicitous speech, mentioned that Mr. and Mrs. Oehlers were members of old and highly respected families in Singapore, a brother of Mrs. Oehlers being the present Eurasian member of Council of the person of the Hon. Dr. N. L. Clarke.

At the annual meeting of the Peking Polo Club His Ex. M. le Comte de Martel was unanimously elected President. Of last year's Committee the following were re-elected:—Lieut. Col. H. St. Clair Smallwood and Mr. E. Tschman. New members of the Committee are:—Col. L. Mc Little, Maj. J. H. Macgruder, Maj. Bray and Mr. H. G. Lowder, Mr. Alec L. Davidson continues in the post of Honorary Treasurer.

Sybil Thorndike's Ann (aged 10) has stage ambitions. She was discussing her future with her brothers and sister the other day, and this is how Ann disposed of herself:—"I'm going to be an actress," she said, "but a real actress in musical comedy, with lovely dresses and lots of singing and dancing to do. Not like mother, who has to go about saying 'Woe is me' all the time!" Ann obviously regards Euripides with a cold and critical eye (observes the "Daily News").

In Hyde Park I was amused at the way in which the tiniest children were watching for Princess Elizabeth, who takes her daily airing there. The majority of the little crowd that gathered to watch the open carriage, with the Royal baby inside, drive by was composed of very young people (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer). As a rule, Princess Elizabeth's carriage follows the same route every day, going up Constitution Hill and into the Park at Hyde Park Corner, and along by Knightsbridge as far as Kensington Gardens. The return is made by the drive alongside the Serpentine. As a rule, Princess Elizabeth is most punctual in her appearance, and little Londoners are getting used to looking forward to her appearance every day, precisely at three. Princess Elizabeth is the only member of the Royal Family who has been much in the Park lately. The King does not commence his daily ride in the Row until the weather gets warmer, but I hear Prince George intends taking some early morning rides there before long. With most riding enthusiasts still away hunting the Row has become very much the children's property, and youthful riders for but number the grown-ups.

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With all the daily local news and "China" despatches reproduced, this number of the "Overland" is again full of interesting matter. The news is amplified by explanations and footnotes. The accompanying comment and "war" pictures will make a complete narrative for friends in other parts of the world. Features include:—

Experiences of British and other foreign refugees from different parts of China.

Descriptions of evacuations by all nationalities, including even the Russians.

Details of Chiang Kai-shek's quarrel with the "Reds" in the Kuomintang Party.

What is being done in Hong Kong to entertain the Servicemen sent out here.

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slender silhouette for daytime is
one of the established facts in
fashions.

At the moment there are several
versions of the simple afternoon
frock that is being shown in black.
The bolero bodice, the draped
girdle, the tiered skirt, the butterfly
sleeve, two-tiered skirt, the tiered
dress, the bloused bodice, the apron
panelled skirt, and the draped di-
agonal girdle being a few of the
outstanding features of the early
spring collections.

Black is the favoured colour for
the new dresses that appear so
smartly at afternoon functions.
Crepe de Chine, crepe satin, silk
jersey and several rough silk crepes
are seen in black.

Black, unrelieved by colour, is
most often used in the more formal
type of dresses, and in the general
afternoon frock appears combined
with white, pink, red, blue and
beige.

All black is frequently used, how-
ever, when the dull side of crepe
satin is used in contrasting bands
or folds, with the satin side pre-
dominating.

Scarf panels, loose cape effects
and tiered skirts are much used in
the all black costume.

Billie Dove, who wears her
clothes with extreme chic, is seen
in First National's "An Affair of
the Folies" wearing a charming
example of early spring smartness.

Cordons of plaits of the satin-faced
crepe are smartly seen in the skirt,
lending fullness, while brocade col-
lars and cuffs lend colour to the
blouse.

DINNER PLATE PLEA.

Dame Madge Kendal's Witty
Invitation.

Dame Madge Kendal, in an amus-
ing letter of invitation to the
thirty-first annual dinner and dance
of the Actors' Benevolent Fund,
writes:

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ished to hear you are invited to the
Savoy Hotel for dinner on Sunday
Feb. 27 at 7.45. It will make you
rich by £2. 2s.

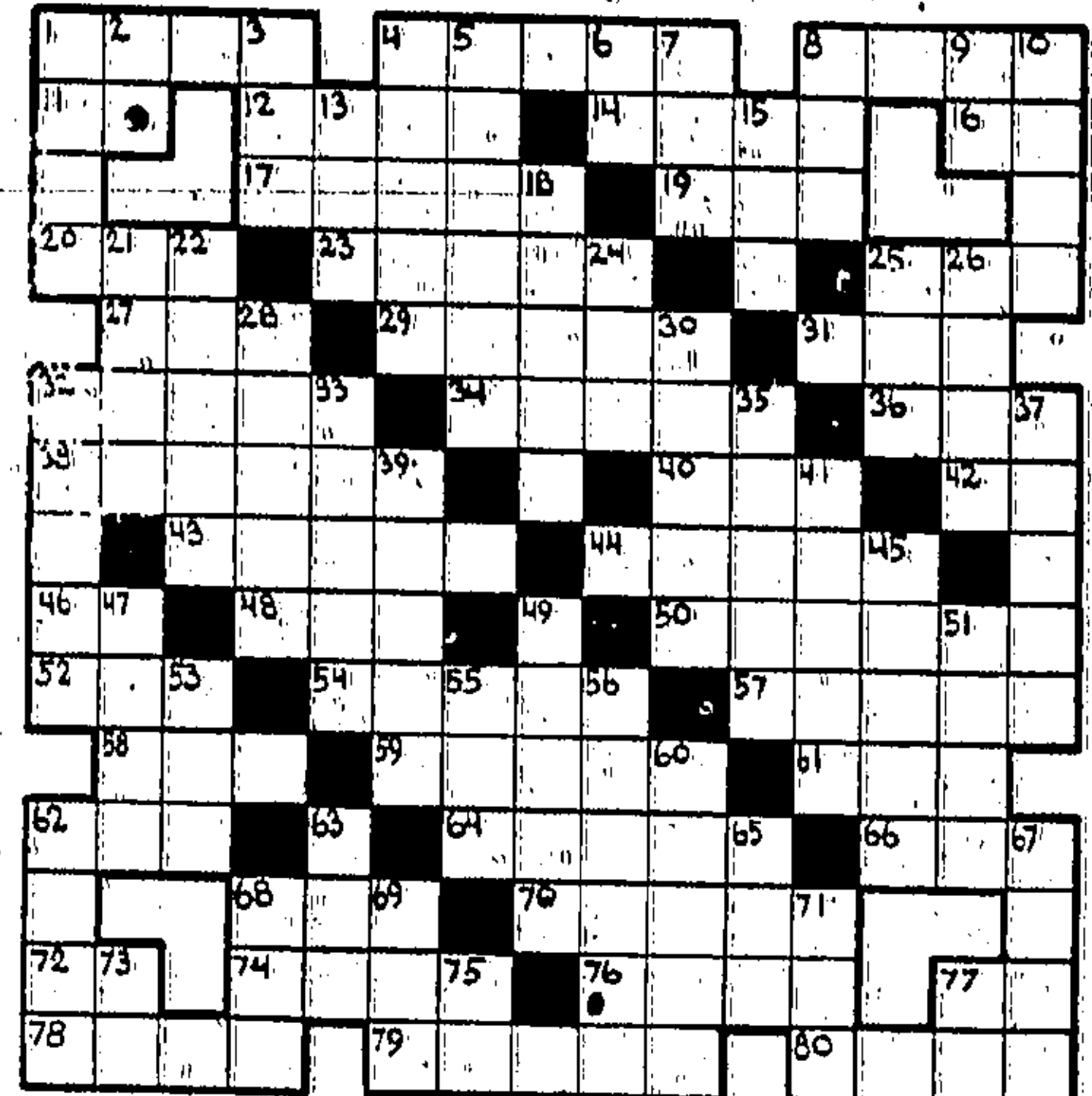
"On your plate—or under it—
you must not be too surprised to
find a card, asking you to give more
money—Further disguise is use-
less!"

"Some speeches will be made
which will irritate and annoy you.
But you will be allowed to smoke
and drink. You need not listen...
It is considered a great gather-
ing, as all the intelligent people like
to see one another—though the
more intelligent stay at home and
send donations to me.

"May God preserve us all until
then and on that night."
The letter is signed "Your Faith-
ful Maid-of-all-Work, Madge Ken-
dal."

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Bliss
- 4-Soft drinks (colloq.)
- 8-A top or upper part
- 11-Pronoun
- 12-Dry
- 14-Philippine sword
- 16-To perform
- 17-Cold (poet.)
- 19-Tablet
- 20-Boy's name (familiar)
- 23-Entrances
- 25-Even if
- 27-Prefix. Apart
- 29-A set as of rooms
- 31-Time period
- 32-The end
- 34-Craftily
- 35-Possessive pronoun
- 38-Pseudonym
- 40-A jerky movement
- 42-Interjection
- 43-To regenerate
- 44-Turns acid
- 46-Article
- 48-Attained
- 50-To twist with violence
- 52-Destiny
- 54-A writer of psalms
- 57-Hollow out
- 59-A measure of weight
- 60-European song.

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 61-A hill (S. Afr. D.)
- 62-A corded fabric
- 64-Emulate
- 66-Noise
- 68-Interjection.
- 70-A cough
- 72-A musical note
- 74-A crucifix
- 76-Terrible
- 77-A tool for hewing
- 78-Ancient harp
- 79-Amplify
- 80-In some measure

VERTICAL

- 1-A natural endowment
- 2-Near to
- 3-To move slowly
- 4-Storage pits for fodder
- 5-Regarded with disgust
- 6-Prefix. Away
- 7-Soggy mass
- 8-A tobacco pipe
- 9-Prefix. To
- 10-Extinct bird
- 12-An anarchist
- 15-To lick up
- 18-Thorough military training
- 21-Norse god of war

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 22-Of secondary consideration
- 24-A filthy habitation
- 25-Prefix. Thrice
- 28-Malignity
- 29-A tendon
- 30-To jostle
- 32-Bringing death
- 33-Ecclesiastical council
- 35-Possessive pronoun
- 37-A farm animal
- 39-Chief river of Siam
- 41-A first-rate fellow (slang)
- 45-Tolerated
- 47-A sound; tone
- 49-Asthy-pals
- 51-An American Indian
- 53-A spinning toy
- 55-Variety (abbr.)
- 56-To sunder
- 60-The red cedar
- 62-Rapid beating of a drum
- 63-Abs.
- 65-Etruscan household god
- 67-Nearest in place
- 68-Prefix. Before
- 69-In what manner
- 71-Recurring afresh
- 73-Ever
- 76-Prefix. Two
- 77-College degree (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will
appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word
puzzle.)

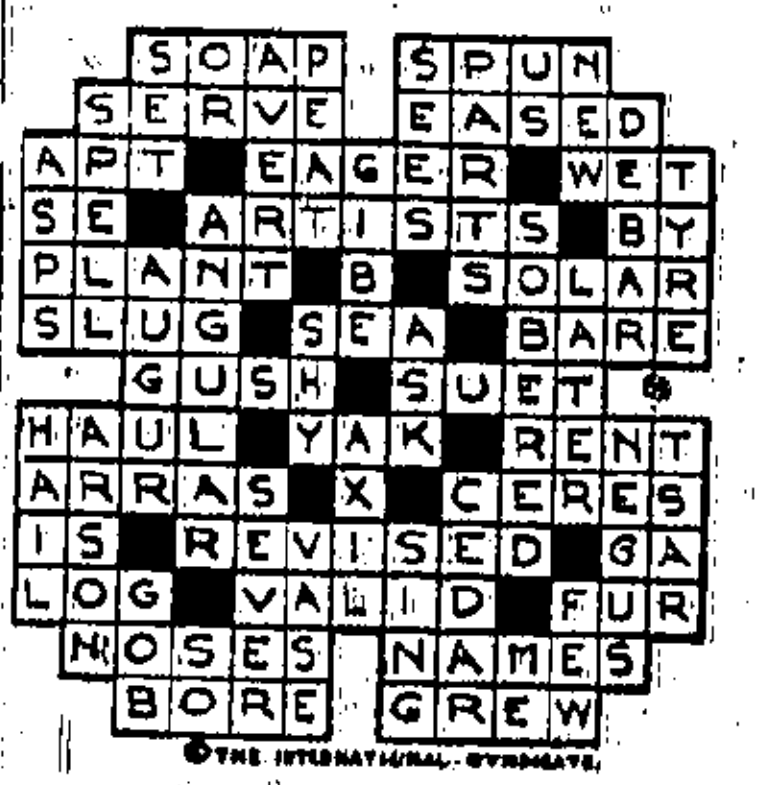
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Seven of 19 prisoners at Derby-
shire Assizes were charged with
perjury.

The House of Bishops met in
private at Lambeth Palace to con-
sider the suggested amendments to
the revised prayer book made by the
Lower Houses of Convocation.

After seven years' silence, Sir
Herbert Samuel, recently elected
chairman of the Liberal Organisa-
tion Committee, made a political
speech at a dinner at the Hotel
Cecil.

The coal output for the week
ended February 19 was 5,365,900
tons by 1,010,500 workers compared
with 5,360,900 tons by 1,006,200
wage earners in the preceding
week.

Employees in the various Govern-
ment offices on January 1 were
1,309 fewer than on October 1, the
total of both sexes being 298,315, of
whom 267,998 was on the perman-
ent staff.

Unless the Draft passes the In-
toxicating Liquor Bill as it stands
after certain modifications, the
Government will resign, state Mr.
Kevin O'Higgins, Free State Min-
ister of Justice.

Charged at Folkestone with con-
cealing a revolver and six car-
tridges on her arrival from France,
Miss Annie Laine Ogilvie, of
Aberdeen, was fined 30s. and the
weapon confiscated.

Mr. J. A. Pitman, Conservative
agent for Nottingham since 1908,
said to be the oldest Conservative
agent in the country, is retiring,
and is being succeeded by Captain
R. A. Rochford, West Wiltshire.

Hundreds of railwaymen, many
in uniform, attended at Bristol the
funeral of Miss Emma Saunders,
aged 86, founder of the Railways-
men's Welfare Association and
known as the railwaymen's friend.

Four passengers in an Admiral
omnibus were slightly injured in
Green-lanes, Haringey, N., when
the driver swerved to avoid a little
girl in the roadway and the omni-
bus struck an electric light stand-
ard.

Part of the railway embankment
near Sandown, Isle of Wight, col-
lapsed after a dam in the Yar near
a bridge had been carried away,
and the journey between Brading
and Sandown had to be made by
omnibus.

Hurley and Marlow locks on
the Thames are to be pumped
dry, renovated, repaired, and
deepened.

Lieut.-Gen. Sir Louis Jean Bols
is to succeed Gen. Sir J. J. Asser
as Governor and Commander-in-
Chief of Bermuda.

Including the three New Year's
peers there are now 743 Lords
Spiritual and Temporal on the
roll of the House of Lords.



Madeleine Couzens, daughter of
Senator Couzens, of Michigan. She
was an interested spectator in the
Government's tax recovery suit
against former Ford stockholders,
in which her father stood to lose
\$10,000,000.

Prince George visited St.
George's Hospital, Hyde Park
Corner, W., of which he is pre-
sident, and after discussing the
future of the hospital with other
officials spent some time in the
wards chatting to patients.

At Kent Assizes a settlement
was reached in an action by Mrs.
Alice V. Simpson, £2,300 being
paid as damages for the loss of
her husband, Dr. Henry Simpson,
of Brenchley, Kent, fatally in-
jured by a motor-car owned by
Mr. E. P. Smith, St. John's Wood,
N.W.

The King and Queen will prob-
ably visit Liverpool on July 19
to open the new Gladstone Dock.

A Malta message states that
Sir Walter Congreve, the Gov-
ernor, who is gravely ill, was
reported to be sinking.

Layton and Johnstone, the
American entertainers, are to
apply for naturalisation papers
to become British subjects.

The Queen will lay the founda-
tion stone of the nurses' home at
the Metropolitan Hospital, King-
sland Road, E., on March 11 at
3 p.m.

The ashes of Sir Edward
Marshall-Hall, K.C., were buried
in the grave of his father, Dr.
Alfred Hall, in Tunbridge Wells
Cemetery.

Capt. Stanley Hector, 35, Chief
Constable of Tunbridge Wells, is
to be recommended for the pos-
ition of Chief Constable of
Coventry.

The total cost of war pensions,
including medical treatment and
administration, from the Armis-
tice to March 31 next, is esti-
mated at £647,000,000.

Southsea Publicity Committee
propose to erect at main roads at
least three "What to See" signs,
giving brief information regard-
ing local places of interest.

The motor-spirit distillery open-
ed at the Mehta sugar factory, near
Kampala, Uganda, has an esti-
mated output of 125,000 gallons a year,
to be retailed at 2s. a gallon.

The death is announced at
Toronto of Mr. John Austin
Worrell, K.C., Chancellor of
Trinity University and of the
Anglican diocese of Toronto.

The price of London standard
grade flour has been reduced by
1s. per sack to 45s. in the Home
Counties, and 6d. to 1s. less
delivered in the London district.

Mr. William Halliday, of Field
House, Harrow (formerly in-
structor at Harrow School work-
shop) and Mrs. Halliday have
celebrated their diamond wed-
ding.

Among curiosities shown at a
Scientific Reunion, at the Natural
History Museum, South Kensington,
was a rough sketch of the domestic
cock, done on limestone flake
about 3,270 years ago, and found in
Tut-ankh-Amen's tomb.

The 1st birthday of the
Municipal Reform Party was
celebrated at a dinner at the
Savoy Hotel, at which Sir
Douglas Hogg, the Attorney-
General, was the chief guest.

Mr. William de Bracy Herbert
is to be Recorder of Newcastle-
under-Lyme in place of Mr. A. J.
David, K.C., resigned, and Mr.
Arthur F. Clements, Recorder of
Tewkesbury, in place of the late
Mr. A. J. Brice.

At Surrey Assizes Margaret Mary
Greene, aged 38, a nurse, who it
was stated, was understood to be a
drug addict, was found guilty of
setting fire to some hayricks at
Woking but was declared insane
and was ordered to be detained in
a lunatic asylum.

The Port of London Authority
have decided to reduce the port
rates on coal imported into Lon-
don by 33 1-3 per cent., making
the new rates: Inwards—foreign,
1d.; coastwise, 1d. per ton; out-
wards—1/2d., foreign; 1/2d., coast-
wise, per ton.

The charge of the man-
slaughter of Mr. H. F. D. Coghill,
a subaltern of the 2nd Scots
Guards, in a motor smash, made
against Mr. M. E. St. John
Barne, a subaltern of the same
regiment, was formally dismissed
at Camberley, Surrey.

While standing on the coals in
the tender of his engine at Sut-
ton, Surrey, Station, Mr. Edward
Brown, a Southern Railway
engine-driver, of Milton Court
Road, New Cross, S.E., came into
contact with an overhead electric
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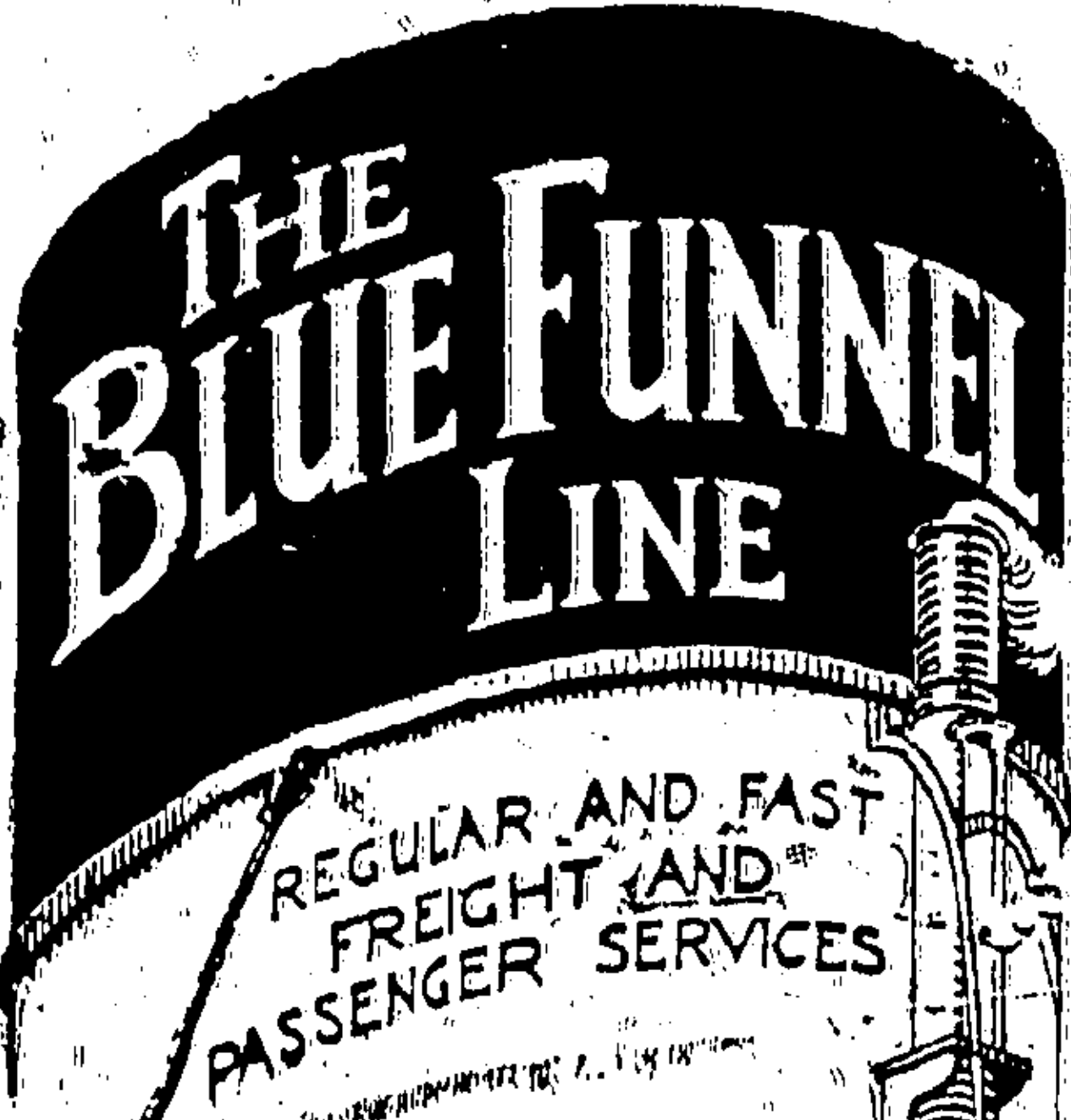
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Japan & Shanghai	15	Devanha.
Manila	16	Empress of Russia.
Straits	16	Jeyapore.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	17	President McKinley.
Straits	17	Hakone Maru.
Europe via Suez (Letters & parcels 10th March)	17	Khiva.
Straits	22	Luisang.
Australia & Manila	22	Mishima Maru.
Japan	22	Aki Maru.
Japan & Shanghai	26	Katori Maru.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	26	Shinyo Maru.
FRIDAY, APRIL	29	
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	29	Empress of Asia.
Straits	1	Suwa Maru.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	WEDNESDAY, APRIL	Per
Samsui & Wuchow	13	Kochow
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	13	Chenonceaux
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America & Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco 10th May & Europe via Siberia. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	13	President Jackson.
THURSDAY, APRIL	14	
Straits	14	Cromer
Wei Hai Wei	14	Huichow
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 14th May. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (16th) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	14	Devanha.
FRIDAY, APRIL	15	
Shanghai	15	Suiyang
Swatow	15	Tjitaroom
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 26th April. Parcels 9 a.m. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	15	Changta.
SATURDAY, APRIL	16	
*Straits & Calcutta. Parcels 9 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.	16	Kutsang.
Swatow Amoy & Foochow	16	Hai Hong
SUNDAY, APRIL	17	
Swatow Amoy & Formosa	17	Kaijo Maru
Swatow & Bangkok	17	Kiangau
Formosa & Honolulu	18	Korea Maru
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	18	Hakone Maru
TUESDAY, APRIL	19	
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	19	Hai Ning

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CANTON PROSPECTS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

tung, it can hardly be correct that they are leaving their posts. On the best authority, the "China Mail" is informed that Customs officers are hardly likely to be bound by Consular instructions to withdraw. If they did leave, it would be by order of the Inspector-General at Peking.

There is no doubt that at the outbreak of the strike there was a great deal more anxiety but for the timely measures taken in Shanghai.

OFFICIAL FIRMNESS.

Orders to Protect Foreigners Repeated.

Under yesterday's date, the Canton Information Bureau says:

Official notifications were issued repeating the determination of the provincial authorities to take necessary measures for the protection of life and property of foreigners, according to instructions from the Nationalist Government, while both the Chief of Police and the Commander of the Defence Garrison have formally instructed their subordinates to allow no disturbances.

Population Re-assured.

Official firmness has reassured the population. To-day, Kwangtung remains calm.

Members of the Consular Body have ordered their nationals to Shanghai where they are accumulated measures of defence.

Scottish pipers can be seen behind machine-gun batteries covered by field-guns, protected by a net of barbed wire and mountains of sand-bags. Such an attitude is heavily in contrast with the calmness in the Chinese city.

STRIKE ECHO.

Getting Back Houses for the Landlords.

Considerable hardship was caused to Canton house-owners when the strikers arbitrarily took possession of property in May and June, 1925. Now, after nearly two years, there is talk of handing back some of the premises to owners. The occupants, in the first instance, were "strikers" from Hong Kong. Latterly, possession has been in the hands of pickets and labour unions. Some of the very big blocks of modern offices, of reinforced concrete, at the West Bund and Taiping Road, are earning little or nothing owing to the forcible entry of pickets.

The question of vacating the houses which are still occupied by Hong Kong-Canton strikers was taken up at a joint meeting of representatives of landlords and the Hong Kong-Canton Strike Committee on Sunday.

"Rapid Evacuation."

The majority of the houses occupied by the Hong Kong strikers has been given up during the past year (says the "Canton Gazette").

Realisation of the hardship imposed upon landlords of houses still occupied by the Strike Committee to call the meeting to devise means for more rapid evacuation of the houses. While regretting the continued occupation of the houses, the Strike Committee proposed that arrangements should be made with landlords so that flats or small houses occupied by ten or less than ten strikers should be at once given up, the dispossessed strikers being drafted to the larger premises still occupied by strikers.

Appeal to Government.

In this way a number of houses or flats will be immediately vacated and returned to their owners.

In the case of premises still housing large groups of strikers, the Strike Committee proposed that rental should hereafter be paid, the landlords agreeing to accept a reduction from the normal rent.

In addition, a joint appeal is to be made to the Government to proceed with the Whampoa Port construction scheme, so that unemployed strikers may be given work and shelter at Whampoa.

BANK'S FAILURE.

CLAIM ON A PARTNER'S ESTATE.

LIABILITIES OF \$330,000.

On the grounds that a Bank in which he was a partner or proprietor was insolvent to a greater extent than the amount comprised in personal estate left, Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., succeeded in an action at the Supreme Court this morning for the estate of Ng Min-sau (alias Ng Cheong Sin Tong) to be administered in bankruptcy.

The action was on behalf of the trustee in bankruptcy of the Yue Hong Bank (Mr. Wong Wai-chung), the liabilities of which were stated to be \$330,000 and the assets very small.

Mr. Potter, who was instructed by Mr. M. H. Turner, said that notice of withdrawal of opposition which was first offered to the application had been filed.

"Not Satisfactory."

The bankruptcy of the Bank in question was not a satisfactory one, said Mr. Potter, in that practically all the material books were missing and only one folio of the firm was available. But sufficient documentary evidence, in addition to oral evidence, was available, said Mr. Potter, to prove conclusively that the deceased was at least a partner and probably the sole proprietor of the insolvent Bank.

The deceased, said Mr. Potter, was originally a Sanitary Board contractor and having amassed a considerable sum of money, when he left that business, decided to set up a Chinese Bank. They would have the oral evidence of a friend of deceased debtor, a Chinese doctor and his medical attendant, that deceased told him of his intention to start a Chinese Bank and persuaded him later to invest in it.

The accountant of the Bank, added Mr. Potter, would give evidence that he was introduced to the deceased by the Manager as the Master and that all matters of importance were reported to the deceased. On the occasion of the first anniversary of the Bank, the employees had given a dinner in honour of the deceased and the deceased had later returned the compliment.

"Overwhelming" Evidence.

The documentary evidence alone, claimed counsel, was overwhelming that the deceased was at least a partner in the Bank. Although the books were missing there were letters available in which deceased wrote cheques to the manager for money, referring to the Bank as "our firm."

The balance sheet of the Bank was referred to and at the side, said counsel, they would see a list of shares. When they came to the monthly balance sheet for the next year, these shares disappeared from the assets and a sum was substituted for the indebtedness to the Bank of the deceased himself.

"Nothing Shady."

The reason for this, it was explained, was that the manager thought it was advisable to sell and the deceased thought not and suggested that he should take over the shares, the Bank to debit him to that extent. This, it was commented, was nothing shady, but merely a method of showing a good balance sheet and to convince shareholders that the Bank was not speculating.

Evidence was given by the trustee of the debtor Bank, the accountant and others and after hearing the evidence, His Lordship (Mr. Justice Wood) made an order for the estate to be administered in bankruptcy.

The master of a trading junk has been arrested by the police for the unlawful possession of one revolver, one rifle and ammunition for both.

I believe firmly that the goodwill of which we hear so much at the present time does actually exist in the coal industry both among employers and workmen, but is prevented from manifesting itself among the workmen by the activities of a minority that does not wish to see the industry prosper. Edmund L. Hann.

BUDGET DEBATE.

Labour Leader's Strong Criticism.

A QUERY ABOUT CHINA.

London, April 12.

In the House of Commons, opening the Budget debate, Mr. Philip Snowden, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Labour Cabinet, recalled that he had described Mr. Winston Churchill's first Budget as a rich man's budget and his second as a profligate and bankrupt Budget. He would, describe the third as a combination of both coupled with jugglery and deceit. No Chancellor had ever been such a ghastly failure. No provision was made for inevitable supplementary estimates.

Comdr. Hilton Young (Conservative) urged the formation of a Cabinet economy council to secure departmental economies.

Mr. Pethick Lawrence (Labour) asked what provision had been made for China.

Mr. Ronald McNeill, Financial Secretary of the Treasury, replying, declared that the question of China was not a Budget point. He stated that the debate hitherto had not revealed any criticism of Mr. Churchill's proposals but on the contrary had produced a chorus of congratulation.—Reuter.

Stock Exchange Views.

On the Stock Exchange the Budget has been well received and gilt-edged securities are supported.

The absence of any raid on the sinking funds or increase in the income tax has brought relief, while industrial shares, which had recently shown hesitation, are now enquired for.

Tobacco, textiles, breweries, matches and Dunlop rubber shares are all strengthening.—Reuter.

PRESS COMMENT.

London, April 12.

By expediting more ingenious than orthodox the Chancellor of the Exchequer has turned a deficit of £20,000,000 into a surplus of £1,500,000 without exceeding the £5,500,000 new taxation, and friends and foes alike applaud the jugglery with which he has produced plump rabbits from the hat. Naturally the £26,000,000, what Mr. Churchill described as "adventitious resources," cannot be tapped again, but the Conservative Press justify the expedient on the ground that last year's upheaval warrant extraordinary measures, while fresh taxation would be calculated to impede trade recovery.

The Liberal papers acknowledge the wisdom of abolishing departments as a step recently urged in the House of Lords by Lord Asquith, but simultaneously deprecate the extension of "protection" in connection with the taxes on tyres and pottery. On the other hand the Conservative organs temper satisfaction by questioning the advisability of abolishing the Overseas Trade Department. It is pointed out that the estimated surplus is a precarious margin, since no account is taken of emergencies like China which alone may easily account for several millions.—Reuter.

SACCO AND VANZETTI.

Boston, April 12.

The "Sacco-Vanzetti Defence Committee" has written to the Governor more fully asking for five impartial citizens to thoroughly investigate the case of Sacco and Vanzetti whom the Massachusetts Superior Court sentenced to death on the 9th instant.

It is alleged that the case of the prisoners was unjustly prejudiced by the fact that they were known to be Communists. The Committee declared there were matters in the case which never came to light and asked for the investigation with a view of liberating the prisoners in the interests of justice.—Reuter's American Service.

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WATER SUPPLY.
Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on April 1, 1927—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Tyau	37' 1" B. 10' 1" B.	
Tyau Bywash	21' 2" B. 23' 3" B.	
Tyau Intermediate	34' 7" B. 22' 0" B.	
Tyau Tuk	52' 5" B. 32' 3" B.	
Wong Nei Chung	28' 8" B. 18' 0" B.	
Poikalum	18' 9" B. 18' 6" B.	

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow".]
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1926	1927
Tyau	141.57	104.39
Tyau Bywash	2.21	1.37
Tyau Intermediate	53.80	92.20
Tyau Tuk	450.60	751.74
Wong Nei Chung	4.79	13.72
Poikalum	80.58	37.24
Total	689.55	1,091.66

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March—

	1926	1927
Consumption	198.26	216.75
Estimated population	309,880	410,200
Consumption per head	16.0	17.0
per day (gallons)		

Intermittent supply in all Elder Main Districts up to March 14, and

services to houses in the Elder Main Districts were disconnected and a Supply was given by public street fountains only from March 15, 1927.

Intermittent Supply in all Elder Main Districts West of Garden Road during March 1927 and Full Supply in all Elder Main Districts East of Garden Road during March 1927.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	23' 3" B. 19' 0" B.	
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	34' 11" B. 21' 0" B.	
Reception Reservoir	24' 0" B.	

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	151.80	193.39
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	15	23.60
Reception Reservoir		27.08
Total	151.80	244.02

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March.

	1926	1927
Consumption	33.54	77.45
Estimated population	154,300	159,400
Consumption per head	7.0	15.8
per day (gallons)		

Restricted Supply in all districts during March 1927. Full supply in all districts during March 1927.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

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